

COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.

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College Notes.

John W. Hopping, of Brooks, Kansas, sends \$8.50 for the College.

Sister Mary Miller, of Easton, W. V., has sent us \$1.00 for the College.

Mary Reason, of South Bend, Ind., donates one dollar to the College.

Sister Esther Metzger, of Mulberry, Ind., pays an EVANGELIST pledge of \$10.

Rev. Stahl preached at the College last Sabbath.

A class of eight or ten in shorthand has been formed.

Rev. Stahl took a trip via Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Buckeye City, arriving home the first of last week.

A special teachers course will be opened on the 4th of March. It will afford a capital opportunity to those desiring to review before commencing summer work.

The Reading Room has been papered and carpeted and presents a very handsome appearance. The students are proud of it. Other improvements have been made.

We Want no New Gospel.

We are living in a world of new things. Wherever we turn our eyes, we see the old institutions being elbowed out of the way, to make room for the new. Our ears are greeted on every hand with the cry for new laws, for reform, for progress. And these cries have not come one moment too soon. But long, long ago, the Lord said through the old prophet, "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." But then we find another cry going up: "But to keep to the old is contrary to the spirit of the times; this is an age of prayer." This is natural.

It is no wonder that living as we do in an age of change, and wonders and new things, that a cry goes up for a new gospel. Everything on the move, everything changing, everything improving, then why should we not have a new gospel? The question is not hard to answer. Our laws and institutions are of human origin, and therefore, of necessity, imperfect. In the infancy of nations, communities, and societies, errors are sure to be committed; but as they grow in knowledge, wisdom and experience, errors are discovered, and there arises the cry for reform. But it is not so with God's works and moral laws. They are perfect at the beginning. This is a fact of immense importance, it is the reason of permanence. Man's works bear the stamp of imperfection, hence the need of change and reform. History teems with illustrations of this fact.

Our rude forefathers kindled fires by rubbing pieces of wood together—a slow and painful process. That in time was improved upon by the old tinder-box and flint. Then came the wonderful lucifer match, and later still the kindling sparks of electricity. Then in illumination, what changes! The rush

light flickers first, then comes the oil-lamp, then they talk of gas, some laugh in scorn about it, like the great Sir Walter Scott, who scornfully said at a public meeting in Edinburgh, "Do you know what a man is proposing to do in England? He is actually proposing to light up London with cold smoke!" Men laughed, but the "cold smoke" came to light up the greatest city of the world. And now, with all-eclipsing brilliancy, comes the electric light, and what next we know not, but we have by no means reached the limit of progress. But mark, no improvements have been necessary in the illuminators of nature. No one comes forward to say the sun is antiquated, and to patent a new invention to supplant the orb of day. No one says the moon and stars are old-fashioned and unsuited to the times. The queen of night shines on, and the same stars as shone over the plains of Bethlehem, or as David saw when he kept his father's sheep, gladden us still.

We improve our locomotion. In the east, the only trains known were trains of camels. Here we had horses, tracks through vast woods, narrow lanes, and bridge paths. Then came rough roads and stage coaches, and in course of time, trainways, bicycles and railways with every luxury. But the birds fly over the land just as they flitted among the bowers of Paradise, or as the ravens which brought Elijah his daily bread. There has been no improvement with them, for there was perfection to begin with.

On the sea, what improvements have taken place! First came the galleys with oars, as in the days of Solomon; then craft with sails, and now the magnificent steamships, like palaces upon the deep, illumined in the darkest nights by electricity. But in the sea, no change. The fish have no improved locomotion. They swim today just as did the fish that came to Peter's hook with a piece of silver in its mouth for tribute money. No advance, because perfection to begin with.

So with moral law. We live in days of radical reform, and startling proposals. But no radical has seriously proposed to repeal the eighth commandment because it is antiquated—no one has brought out a new decalogue. We cannot reach a higher code of morals than that which God gave thousands of years ago. Why can we not improve upon this moral law? Because it bore the stamp of perfection from the first.

So is it with the gospel of salvation, which reveals to us the way of peace and eternal life. It was perfect to begin with. It has been the same gospel all down the age. It is "the good old way." There was not one way for ancient Jews and another for modern Gentiles—one way revealed in the Old Testament; and another in the New.

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EDWARD MASON.

The Moon.

What reason have we for supposing that there is no atmosphere in the moon? It is by indirect methods of observation that we learn this fact. There are various arguments that can be adduced, but the most conclusive is that obtained on the occurrence of what is called the "occulation" of a star. It sometimes happens that the moon comes directly between the earth and a star, and the temporary extinction of the latter is an "occulation." We can observe the moment when it takes place, and the suddenness of the extinction of the star is extremely remarkable. If the moon had a copious atmosphere, the gradual interposition of this would produce a gradual extinction of the star and not the sudden phenomenon usually observed. This absence of air and also of water from the moon explains the peculiar and weird ruggedness of the lunar scenery. We know that on earth the action of wind and of rain, of frost and of snow, is constantly tending to wear down our mountains and reduce their hard outlines, but no such agents are at work upon the moon.

The Weather Plant.

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The discovery of photography.
The establishment of ocean steam navigation.
The annexation of Texas.
The war with Mexico, and the acquisition of California, with the discovery of gold that followed.
The French revolution of 1848.
The rise and fall of Napoleon III., and the establishment of the French republic.
The laying of the ocean cables.
The great civil war and abolition of slavery in the United States.
The great Franco-German war and the unification of Germany.
The overthrow of the pope's temporal power.
The emancipation of the Russian serfs.
The extension of Russian power into central Asia.
The discovery of the sources of the Nile and Niger, and the exploration of interior Africa.
The discovery of the telephone.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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1. Practice Writing something original every day.
2. Cultivate the habit of observation.
3. Work regularly at certain hours.
4. Read no rubbish.
5. Aim at the formation of style.
6. Endeavor to be dramatic.
7. A great element of dramatic skill is selection.
8. Avoid the sin of writing about a character.
9. Never attempt to describe any kind of life except that with which you are familiar.
10. Learn as much as you can about men and women.
11. For the sake of forming a good natural style and acquiring command of language write poetry.

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9:19 A. M., No. 38, daily except Sunday, Galton to Kent, stopping at all stations.

WESTWARD.

1:07 P. M., No. 5, daily, Chicago and St. Louis Limited. Pullman buffet sleeping coach to Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis without change.
8:57 P. M., No. 2, daily, Pacific Express, Pullman buffet sleeping coach for Chicago, also Pullman sleeper for Cincinnati.
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